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35 illegal aliens arrested following a joint operation between ICE and the New Orleans Police Department

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Thirty-five illegal aliens, including an MS-13 gang member, were arrested here April 6 during a joint law enforcement operation between U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD).

The public safety operation targeted violent criminal aliens living in New Orleans neighborhoods. These arrests are part of ICE's ongoing enforcement initiative to remove those who have no legal right to remain in the country and who pose a threat to our community.

Among those arrested was Jose Guadalupe Rubi-Carrizoza, 32, a Honduran national deported from the U.S. twice. Rubi-Carrizoza now faces criminal charges for illegally re-entering the country after being lawfully deported.

Also arrested was 26-year-old Fredy Turcios-Rodriguez, a Honduran national convicted for carrying a concealed weapon and possession of burglary tools. Turcios-Rodriguez was previously deported from the U.S. on 5 previous occasions and he too may face criminal prosecution for illegal re-entering the country.

Three of the 35 individuals arrested were turned over to the NOPD to face local charges for assault on a police officer, an outstanding robbery warrant and multiple traffic violations. An ICE detainer, which is similar to an administrative hold, was lodged against them to ensure that ICE is notified upon the resolution of their local charges.

"There is no room for individuals who are a menace to our communities," said Michael A. Holt, special agent-in-charge of ICE in New Orleans. "These individuals need to know that we are committed to ensuring public safety and we're prepared to keep the pressure on through aggressive law enforcement actions. We will use the full range of ICE authorities available, to seek out, prosecute and remove dangerous criminals from our streets."

Those arrested represent the following countries: Honduras, Mexico, El Salvador, Brazil, Guatemala and Nicaragua.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.